



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
*"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"*

Russ Guiney, Director

June 12, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING TO THE MOUNTAINS RESTORATION TRUST  
THE COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPLY FOR COUNTY EXCESS GRANT FUNDS AND  
COUNTY COMPETITIVE EXCESS GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE SAFE  
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF  
PROPERTY IN THE COLD CREEK PRESERVE  
(Third District – 3-Vote Matter)**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND  
THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find this action categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines and the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, as cited herein.
2. Adopt the attached resolution assigning to the Mountains Restoration Trust (MRT) the County's right to apply for \$200,000 of Third Supervisorial District County Excess Grant Funds and \$31,443 of 2006 County Competitive Excess Grant Funds allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (the 1996 Proposition).
3. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute all necessary documents to complete the transfer of title to the County after completion of the acquisition by MRT and to accept the Grant Deed conveying title to the County.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

Approval of the recommended action will allow MRT to apply for \$231,443 of Third Supervisorial District County Excess and Competitive Excess Grant Funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to expedite the

acquisition of 2.66 acres (APN#: 4455-018-034) of natural, undisturbed, open space within the Cold Creek Preserve in the Santa Monica Mountains and the development of a trail connecting to the Calabasas Cold Creek Trail. Upon completion of this acquisition, MRT will transfer the property to the County of Los Angeles.

The total acquisition cost is \$300,000. The Department will supplement the grant funds awarded under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 with Park Planning Area (PPA) 33 Quimby funds in the amount of \$68,557.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of the recommended action supports County Strategic Plan Goal Number 4 (Fiscal Responsibility) by increasing the Department's public/private partnerships, managing our resources effectively, and investing in the public infrastructure.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The recommended action will have no impact on the County's net County cost. The project will be fully funded with \$200,000 Proposition A County Excess Grant Funds, \$31,443 County Competitive Excess Grant Funds, and \$68,557 Quimby PPA 33 funds. Upon your Board's approval of these recommendations, MRT will submit a grant application to the District for the \$268,557 Proposition A funding and the Department will perform the necessary accounting transfer of the Quimby funding through a journal voucher and then issue a warrant providing those funds to MRT.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The 1996 Proposition provides a method of determining each Fiscal Year the amount of funds available in the following Fiscal Year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended action will allow MRT to apply for funds from the County's Excess Grant Funds and County's 2006 Competitive Excess Grant Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District.

Upon execution of a grant agreement, MRT will be required to spend these funds in accordance with the project grant agreement.

County Counsel has approved the attached Resolution as to form.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15303 (e), 15311, and 15325 (f) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 3

(b), 11 and 25 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project provides for development of appurtenant facilities, transfer of ownership of land to create parks and preservation of open space and existing natural conditions.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended action will have no impact on any other services or any current or planned projects, but will allow for the acquisition and development of additional open space and recreational opportunities in the Third District.

**CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, and to return three conformed copies to the Department.

Respectfully submitted,



Russ Guiney  
Director



David E. Janssen  
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment (1)

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c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)  
County Counsel

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVING ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHT TO APPLY TO THE MOUNTAINS  
RESTORATION TRUST FOR COUNTY EXCESS GRANT FUNDS AND COUNTY  
COMPETITIVE EXCESS GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD  
PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996**

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**WHEREAS**, the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (Proposition A) allocated funding to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation to provide funding for the acquisition and development of parks and recreational areas owned or operated by the County of Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, the County may assign its right to apply for these funds to other agencies to implement the intent of the 1996 Proposition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mountains Restoration Trust (MRT) is requesting \$231,443 in County Excess Grant Funds and County Competitive Excess Grant Funds for the acquisition of 2.66 acres of land within the Cold Creek Preserve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Parks and Recreation has determined that it is in the County's best interest to assign the County's right to apply for these funds to the Mountains Restoration Trust; and

**WHEREAS**, the MRT will submit an application to the Regional Park and Open Space District to obtain a grant for the above-referenced project and will be required to provide assurances to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District that the funds will be expended in accordance with the intent of the 1996 Proposition and the procedural guidelines adopted by your Board, acting as Board of the District; and


**WHEREAS**, after acquisition is completed, the MRT will transfer the property to the County of Los Angeles.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this Resolution approving the right to apply for \$231,443 of County Excess and County Competitive Excess Grant Funds from the Regional Park and Open Space District under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996.

The foregoing resolution was on the 12<sup>TH</sup> day of JUNE, 2007, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.




SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Los Angeles

By   
Deputy

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.**  
County Counsel

By   
HELEN S. PARKER  
Principal Deputy County Counsel